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Appl. No. 10/829,653  
Amdt. dated March 28, 2006  
Reply to Office action of January 9, 2006

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/829,653  
Applicant : Masafumi Hizukuri et al.  
Filed : April 22, 2004  
Title : BONDING DEVICE AND BONDING TOOL  
  
Conf. No. : 7014  
TC/A.U. : 1725  
Examiner : Jonathan J. Johnson  
  
Customer No. : 000,116  
Docket No. : 36685

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT "A"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated January 9, 2006 (Paper No. 010405). The three-month period for responding to the Office action expires on April 9, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

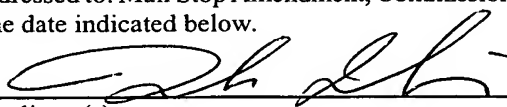
**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended abstract is attached following page 16 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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